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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPANISH SALES OF 105 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES.

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1. YOU MAY INFORM GOS THAT WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME GRANT APPROVAL TO PROPOSED SALE BY SPAIN OF RECOILLESS RIFLES TO EGYPT. IT SEEMS TO US THAT IN VIEW OF SOVIET RESUPPLY OF ARAB ARMED FORCES, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO CONGRESS AND PUBLIC WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO ACCEDE TO SPANISH REQUEST. WE BELIEVE THAT PRESENT STATE OF PLAY IN MID-EAST SITUATION DICTATES THAT WE WITHHOLD APPROVAL.

2. IN PASSING ABOVE COMMENTS TO APPROPRIATE SPANISH OFFICIALS, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE TOOK COGNIZANCE OF SPANISH-ARAB TIES AS WELL AS OUR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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EGYPT. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE APPRECIATED PROMPT NOTIFI-

CATION BY SPAIN OF EGYPTIAN REQUEST.

3. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON POTENTIAL SALE TO CHILE REPORTED
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